

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1280

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTICE ACT; AMENDING SECTION 54-4313, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE THE LICENSURE BOARD MEMBER COMPENSATION AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 54-4313, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-4313. LICENSURE BOARD. (1) The licensure board shall consist of five (5) members appointed by the board, three (3) of whom shall be certified respiratory care practitioners, one (1) of whom, in addition to being a licensed respiratory care practitioner, shall also be an Idaho permitted registered polysomnographic technologist, and all of whom shall be residents of Idaho at the time of their appointment and for their term of service. The persons appointed to the licensure board who are required to be licensed under this chapter shall have been engaged in rendering respiratory care services and polysomnography related respiratory care services, respectively, to the public, in teaching, or in research in respiratory care and polysomnography related respiratory care services, respectively, for at least five (5) years immediately preceding their appointments. These members shall at all times be holders of valid licenses for the practice of respiratory care in Idaho and one (1) such member shall be a holder of a valid Idaho permit as a registered polysomnographic technologist, except for the members of the first board, all of whom shall, at the time of appointment, hold the designation of certified respiratory therapy technician or registered respiratory therapist conferred by the national board for respiratory care, inc. (NBRC) and all of whom meet the requirements for licensure under the provisions of this chapter. The remaining two (2) members of the licensure board shall be members of health professions or members of the public with an interest in the rights of the consumers of health services.

(2) The board, within sixty (60) days following the effective date of this chapter, shall appoint two (2) licensure board members for a term of one (1) year; two (2) for a term of two (2) years; and one (1) for a term of three (3) years. Appointments made thereafter shall be for three (3) year terms, but no person shall be appointed to serve more than two (2) consecutive terms. Terms shall begin on the first day of the calendar year and end on the last day of the calendar year or until successors are appointed, except for the first appointed members who shall serve through the last calendar day of the year in which they are appointed, before commencing the terms prescribed in this section.

(3) The two (2) members of the licensure board who shall be licensed respiratory care practitioners shall be selected by the board of medicine after considering a list of three (3) qualified applicants for each such

1 vacancy submitted by the Idaho society of respiratory care or other in-
2 terested associations. The member of the licensure board who shall be a
3 licensed respiratory care practitioner and an Idaho permitted registered
4 polysomnographic technologist shall be selected by the board of medicine
5 after considering a list of three (3) qualified applicants submitted by the
6 Idaho sleep disorder association or other interested associations. The
7 remaining two (2) public members shall be selected by the board of medicine
8 which may solicit nominations of qualified applicants submitted by the Idaho
9 society for respiratory care, the Idaho sleep disorder association or other
10 interested associations or individuals.

11 (4) The licensure board shall within sixty (60) days after the effec-
12 tive date of this chapter, and annually thereafter, hold a meeting and elect
13 a chairman who shall preside at meetings of the licensure board. In the event
14 the chairman is not present at any licensure board meeting, the licensure
15 board may by majority vote of the members present appoint a temporary chair-
16 man. A majority of the members of the licensure board shall constitute a quo-
17 rum. Other meetings may be convened at the call of the chairman or the writ-
18 ten request of any two (2) licensure board members.

19 (5) Each member of the licensure board shall be compensated as provided
20 in section 59-509 (~~h~~n), Idaho Code.